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We claim:

1. A composition for delivery of an active agent comprising

a plurality of lamellar particles comprising a biodegradable polymer which is at least partially crystalline, and

an active agent adsorbed to at least a majority of the particles.

2. The composition of claim **1** wherein the biodegradable polymer is at least 5 percent by weight crystalline.

3. The composition of claim **1** wherein the biodegradable polymer comprises a mixture of two or more biodegradable polymers which are at least partially crystalline.

4. The composition of claim **1** wherein the biodegradable polymer is poly(L-lactide).

5. The composition of claim **1** wherein the biodegradable polymer is a copolymer of poly(L-lactide).

6. The composition of claim **1** wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of DNA, antigens, allergens, and vaccines.

7. The composition of claim **6** wherein the antigen is selected from the group consisting of Tetanus toxoid and influenza virus.

8. The composition of claim **1** wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of peptides, polypeptides and proteins.

9. The composition of claim **8** wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of DNA, insulin, luteinizing hormone releasing factor, growth factors, hormones, interferons, interleukins, and somatostatins.

10. The composition of claim **8** wherein the lamellar particles and adsorbed active agent are coated with a polymer.

11. The composition of claim **1** wherein at least a portion of the lamellar particles are coalesced.

12. The composition of claim **1** wherein the lamellar particles have a thickness in the range of between about 50 nm and about 80 μm.

13. A method of making a composition for delivery of an active agent comprising the steps of:

a) dissolving a polymer in a solvent to form a polymer solution;

b) stirring the polymer solution vigorously and adding a non-solvent for the polymer to form a mixture;

c) evaporating the solvent from the mixture thereby forming lamellar particles; and

d) admixing an active agent with the lamellar particles.

14. The method of claim **13** wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of acetone, ethyl acetate, xylene and dioxane.

15. The method of claim **13** wherein the non-solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, methanol, and ethanol.

16. The composition of claim **1** wherein the biodegradable polymer is at least 30 percent by weight crystalline.

17. The composition of claim **1** further comprising a surface modifying agent.

18. A method of making a composition for delivery of an active agent comprising the steps of:

a) dissolving a polymer in a solvent to form a polymer solution;

b) cooling the polymer solution to crystallize the polymer in the form of lamellar particles; and

c) admixing an active agent with the lamellar particles.

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